



Providing a Prescription Drug Benefit

Senator Allen strongly supported a prescription drug benefit for those seniors with the lowest incomes and the highest drug costs. The Medicare prescription drug benefit offers immediate assistance and affordable prescription drug coverage through a voluntary plan that could save seniors 25% on their prescription drug costs.

Eliminating the Unfair Tax on Social Security

Senator Allen believes Social Security is a solemn commitment that must be honored by the government. Though Social Security was never intended to be the sole source of retirement income, the tax on Social Security income unfairly burdens seniors who have worked hard and saved for retirement. Senator Allen sponsored legislation to eliminate the unfair tax on Social Security benefits, ensuring seniors receive the full benefit of the money they have earned over the years.

Modernizing Medicare: Providing A Prescription Drug Benefit

Standing Strong for Our Seniors:

Senator Allen believes that we must strengthen Medicare. As the senior population grows, it is imperative that Medicare be modernized to meet the challenges of the future.

This plan will help those retired men and women on low-to-moderate fixed incomes who have become overwhelmed with skyrocketing prescription drug prices.

Benefiting Virginia's Seniors

The Prescription Drug Plan supported by Senator Allen and passed by the Senate will expand a drug benefit to seniors that will help cover the growing cost of prescription medications. This plan is completely voluntary—seniors can choose to stay in their existing plan or enroll in private sector managed-care or preferred provider plans as they become available. For those choosing to stay in the traditional Medicare Plan, the benefits will be provided through private “drug only” plans.

The drug benefit will be structured as follows:

- \$35 average monthly premium;
- 50% beneficiary co-insurance for drug spending between \$276 and the initial coverage;
- After \$5,800 is spent, beneficiaries will only pay a 10% co-insurance for all drug expenses;
- Low-income assistance for those earning less than \$9,228 per year for an individual and \$12,360 per year for a couple. This will cover about 40% of all Medicare beneficiaries.



“In the U.S. Senate, I am working to protect Social Security and strengthen Medicare. I am fighting to eliminate unfair taxation of Social Security benefits and ensure that no senior has to compromise their health for the sake of meeting the monthly budget.”

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